The LEGO® Builders Club

Bricks 'n Pieces

A newsletter for LEGO® Club members — Autumn 1980

TALLEST and LONGEST

RECORD BREAKERS AT MILTON KEYNES

Club President Clive Nicholls prepares to break the world record for the tallest model at 9·5 metres during the Club Rally on the 10th August.
Below, the finished model at 13·5 metres reaches the ceiling.

'LEGO World', the biggest exhibition of LEGO models ever seen in the United Kingdom, ran for the whole month of August in the huge new shopping centre at Milton Keynes and was seen by over a million visitors.

Two very special events were the building of the Tallest LEGO Model in the World, which reached the dizzying height of 13·5 metres (over 44 ft) and the Longest LEGO Model in the World which was 967½ metres (3,276 ft) long.

The Longest Model was built in just one day by LEGO Club Members during the Club Rally on 10th August. Over 10,000 members and their families came on that one fantastic, unforgettable day. Our Club President Clive Nicholls, in between signing thousands of autographs managed to find time to put on the section, built by Club Members, which broke the previous world record (in Australia in 1975) for the Tallest Model at the 9·5 metres level. Members had built the words LEGO Club into this section in bricks, so there it was for everyone to see right up until the end of August when the Baron Knights pop group topped out the model at ceiling height.

At the end of the day our President, followed by a crowd of children like the Pied Piper, walked the whole length of the Longest Model, admiring the fantastic things which hundreds (perhaps thousands?) of members had built into it along the way.

He was heard to say afterwards "LEGO bricks are a great toy but it is what children make with them that is really amazing".

But it was not only LEGO enthusiasts who benefited from the LEGO World exhibition. Local companies generously agreed to sponsor the building of the Tallest Model which raised £1,496 — enough to fund five more beds in Milton Keynes, new hospital.

Isn't it nice to think of the good that can come from the enjoyment we all had?

Dear Member,

Perhaps you would have liked to have gone to the Club Rally at Milton Keynes in August but could not because it was too far away.

If so, do not think we have forgotten you for we are now trying to find somewhere different for a 'LEGO World' Exhibition in 1981.

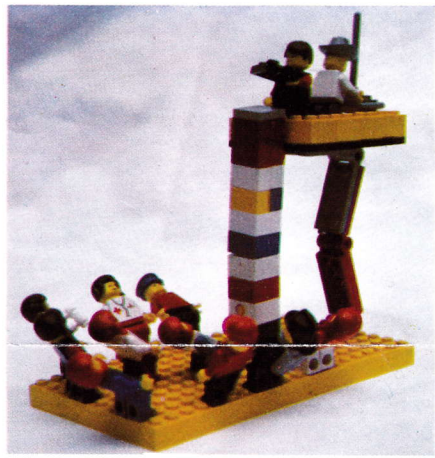
It would be nice to go up North for a change to give Club Members who live in Lancashire and Yorkshire a chance to join in the fun. But the problem is to find somewhere big enough in a city centre, for there is nowhere quite so spacious and spectacular as the new Central Milton Keynes. But we will do our best, you can be sure of that.

In the meantime there is an even more exciting event which everyone can look forward to — Christmas.

I wish you all a very happy one.

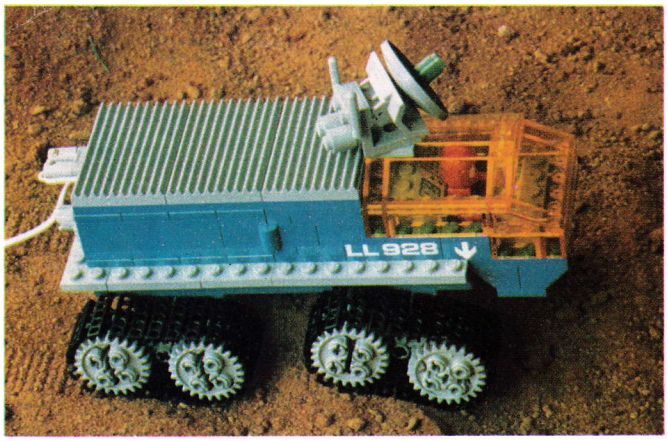
Yours sincerely,

CLIVE NICHOLLS
Club President

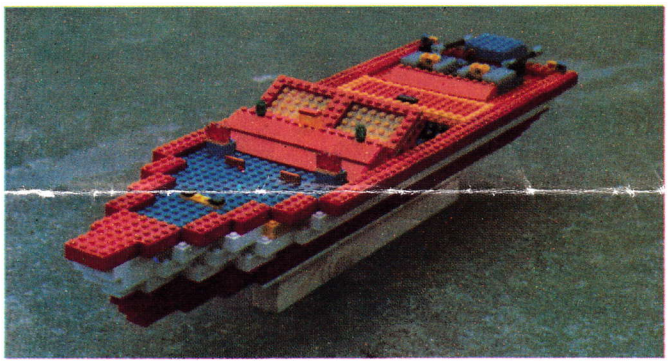


One member, Graham Duddridge from Hampshire was so impressed that when he got home he built a model of Clive Nicholls putting the record breaking section in place, for which he earns a special prize.

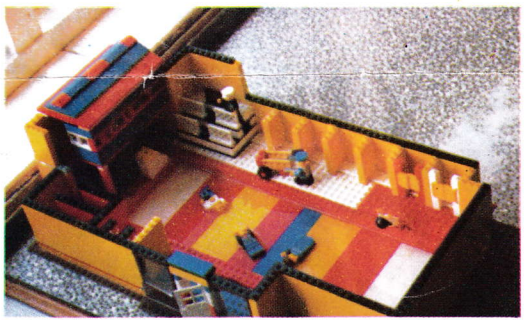
The Longest Model, well over ½ mile long . . . .
looped over obstacles . . . snaked past the gardens . . . and disappeared into the distance



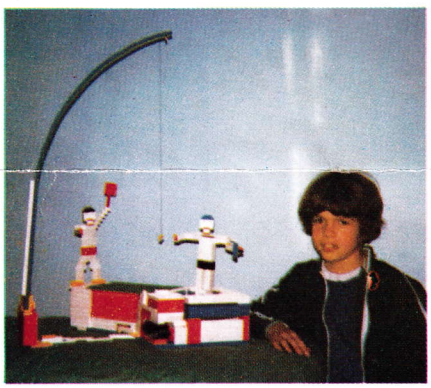
Space Explorer Danielle Bromwich of Tiddington devised this vehicle with its articulated tracks for getting over rough ground.



Patrol Boat A very sleek and dashing model from Mark Henderson (11) of Kidderminster.

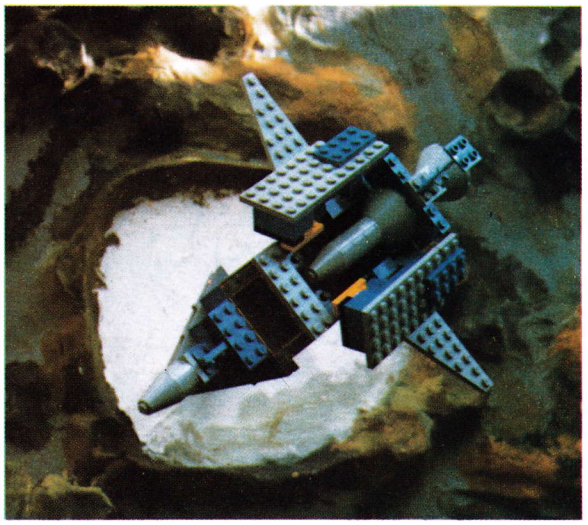


Swimming Baths Not content with a nicely detailed model with changing rooms and spectators gallery, etc., Elaine Pearl (12) from Wolverhampton added real water too, though we fear these baths must have leaked a bit, so be careful if you decide to copy the idea!



Tennis Game Andrew Ives of Cambridge created this game in which a clever arrangement of gears and springs twists one figure so that he hits the 'ball' with his racquet.

Car Transporter by Brett Jones (7) of Glengeary, Co. Dublin, complete with loading ramp.



Space Shuttle by Ross Phillips of Edgware. We get more pictures of space models than any other, but this is a specially neat model and a super photo too.

Mansion This impressive model contains 13 separate rooms and is the work of Richard Howe of Clacton, who obviously has a huge collection of LEGO bricks.

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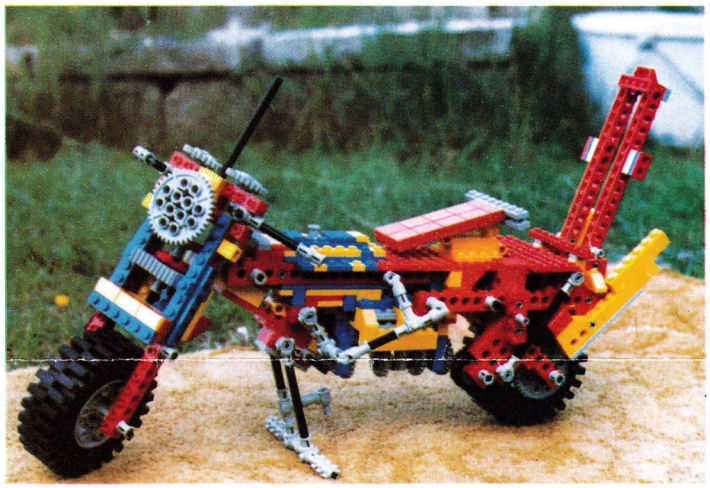
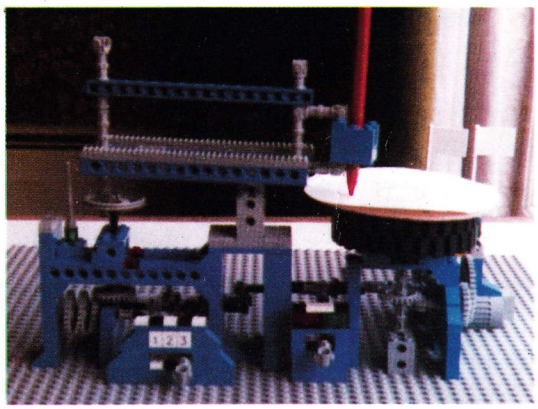
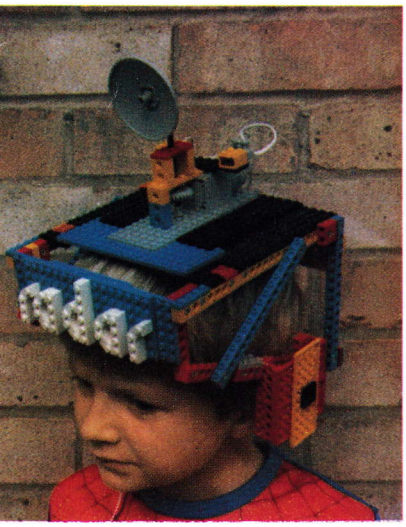
A "golden" Master Builder Badge to each of the members whose m are shown here. If you ha photograph of a special model, s in and you too could become a M Builder if your model is shown i next issue of *Bricks 'n Pieces.*



Twin Cylinder Chopper Bike by Jason Whiffin of Salisbury. A dashing model with working pistons and other details.



Drawing Machine This highly ingenious machine was designed by Andrew Kennedy (11) of Solihull. By changing gear, he can get his motorised model to draw different patterns on the rotating disc.



ɔrsonal Radar Colin Mills (8) of Cambridge ɔn a fancy dress prize for this clever headgear. ıe radar bowl is motorised and rotates when ɔlin presses the switch!

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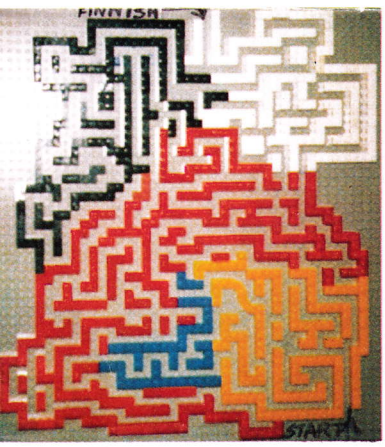
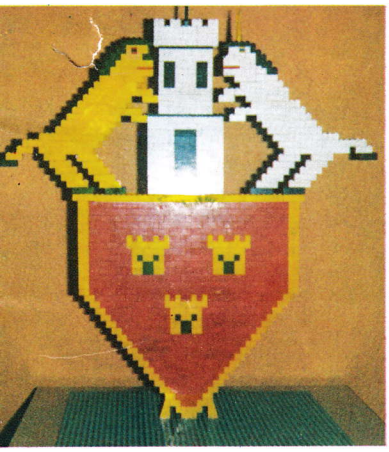


aze Michael Gransbury of Beaconsfield esigned this colourful and challenging maze nich makes an attractive design too. Why don't ou try one?



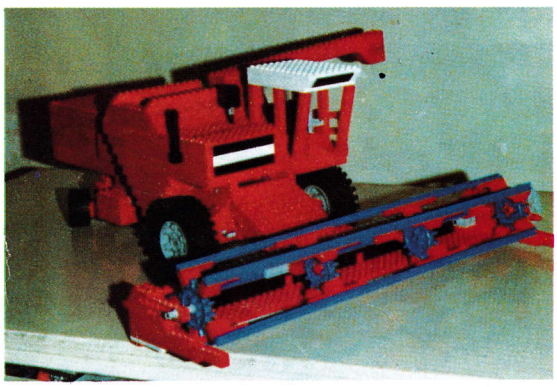
oat of Arms Leslie Murray built the model of ewcastle's coat of arms and even got a picture it in the local newspaper.

Fund Raising Machine Congratulations to Paul Fleetwod of New Milton, who devised this clever way of raising money for charity. People drop a marble into the top of the model at 2p a go. If they predict which of 3 doors at the bottom the marble will come out of, they win it. If not that's another 2p towards the charity. Paul raised £12·00 with this machine.

'Self Made Woman' by Victoria Gray (6½) from Gloucester who won first prize in a fancy dress competition, for the cleverly made and cleverly titled costume.

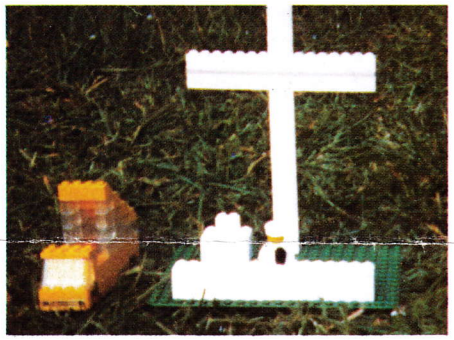
Morris Dancer Simon Barker (9) of Alresford, dances with the Southampton King John's Morrismen and made this model of himself, complete with the traditional white handkerchiefs. He looks a bit red in the face — from all that leaping around perhaps!

Articulated Crab This unusual and highly detailed model is the work of James, aged 9, who is a pupil of Linden Bridge School in Surrey for autistic children. His headmistress, who sent us the photograph, says he is making good progress. It is nice to think that perhaps LEGO bricks have been of help to James in overcoming his disability.

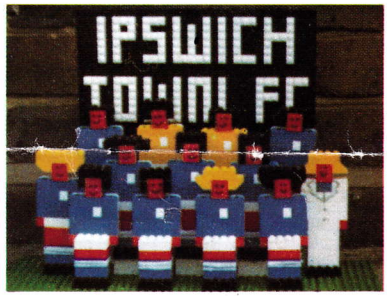


Combine Harvester Peter Wilson (14) lives on a farm, so he has plenty of chances for studying farm machinery for this excellent model.

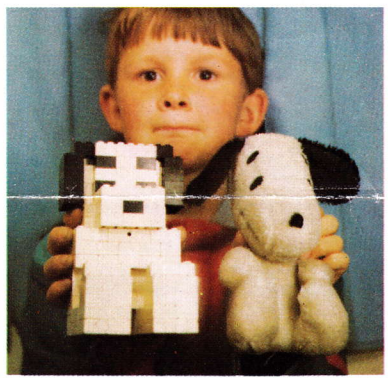
Twin Bricks Victoria and Rachel Hyams of Plymouth are twins, so they went to a fancy dress party dressed as identical LEGO bricks. We wonder if anyone tried to clip them together!



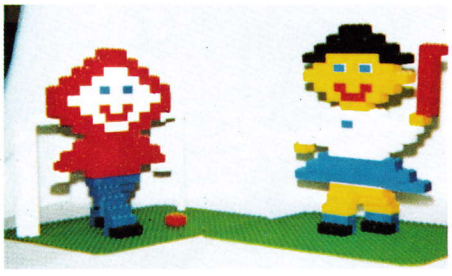
The Pope in Dublin Robert Cullen lives in Dublin and perhaps saw the Pope there, hence this model complete with the famous 'Pope Mobile'.



Football Team Lynn Copell is obviously an Ipswich Town supporter. We particularly like all the different hairstyles Lynn has given her team.



Snoopy An amusing model of Philip Pattullo's favourite character. Philip lives in Edinburgh.



Mum Playing Hockey Roger Lewis (7) from Camberley has a mum who is a keen hockey player, so this is a model of her about to score a goal.

How you could visit the LEGOLAND® Park

To spend a day in the fabulous LEGOLAND Park in Billund, Denmark, is the ambition of many Club Members and we are often asked how you can get there.

Now there is good news, for some tour operators called Specialised Tours are arranging 4-day mini cruises to Denmark at special low rates for LEGO Club Members.

They have reserved berths on the luxurious ferries *Dana Anglia* and *Dana Regina* sailing from Harwich to the Danish port of Esbjerg on the 14th, 21st, 23rd, 24th and 30th May; and the 4th, 5th and 11th June.

A typical itinerary would be:

Day 1

Depart Victoria, London, at noon for Harwich by special coach.
Sail from Harwich at 4.30 p.m.

Day 2

Arrive Esbjerg, Denmark, at 1.30 p.m. where your coach will take you to the first class Hotel Munkebjerg amid beautiful beechwoods overlooking the fjord near Vejle (All rooms with private bathroom). Dinner that evening in the hotel included.

The coach will take those who wish into the town of Vejle for sight-seeing. Or you can enjoy the facilities of the hotel which include a fine swimming pool and games room.

Day 3

Depart by coach from the hotel at 9.15 a.m. for the LEGOLAND Park at Billund, arriving at 10.00 a.m. when the Park opens.

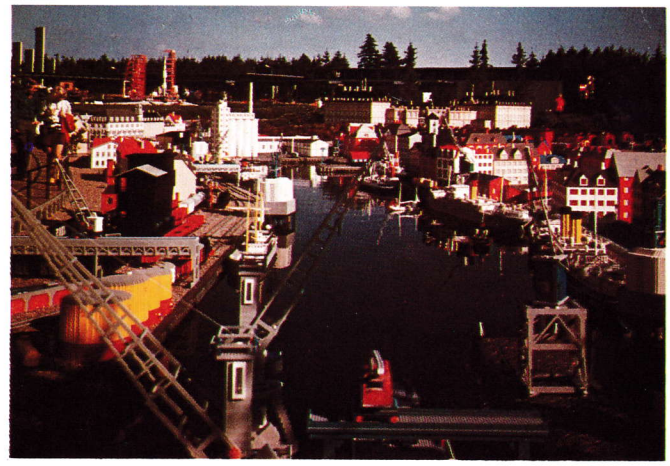
Spend five hours exploring all the wonders of LEGOLAND — the model villages, the Wild West town, the train, boat and car rides, etc. Then by coach back to the ship at Esbjerg to embark by 4.30 p.m.

Day 4

Arrive Harwich about mid-day and then by coach back to London, to arrive at 2.30 p.m.

Specialised Tours are offering this holiday at a cost of £50 for children under 12 years, £60 for children 12–15 years and £68 for adults. The price includes all transport, hotel, dinner and breakfast in the hotel and entrance into the LEGOLAND Park.

Not covered are meals on board ship and the special rides in LEGOLAND, though there is much to see and enjoy there at no extra cost. There are also certain surcharges for single or 2-berth cabins on the ship if a 4-berth cabin is unsuitable.



The harbour scene in LEGOLAND — just one of many impressive scenes built from LEGO bricks.

For full details write *not to us* but to:

Specialised Tours
Wilmington House
High Street, East Grinstead
West Sussex RH19 3AU

Do not send any money at this stage (they will advise you of the deposit required) but it would be helpful if you could indicate your first and second choice of departure dates from those listed above.

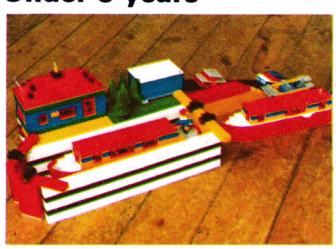
We believe you will have a wonderful 4-day holiday with all the adventure of a cruise, on top of the delights of the amazing LEGOLAND Park.

'Holiday Time' Competition Winners

What exciting holidays many of you seem to have had — and what splendid models your holidays inspired.

Our thanks to all of you who sent in photographs and drawings of your models. Here are the winners who each receive a LEGO set prize:

Under 9 years

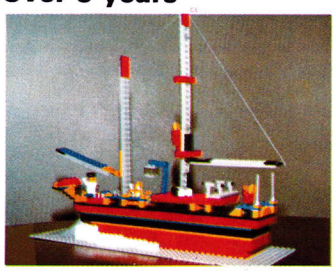


1st Thames Lock by William Stewart (8) of Harrogate. William explains that on the Thames the lock keepers open the locks for you so he has included the lock keeper's house and the launch he uses when he is off duty.

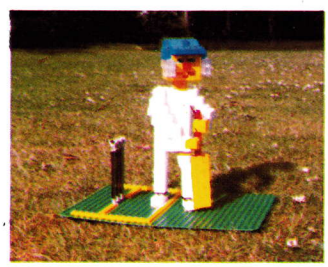
2nd Water Mill by Andrew Taylor (8) of Cleckheaton. Andrew made this after visiting a working mill near Barnsley.

3rd Caravan by David Ferguson (8) of Glasgow. David went caravaning for his holiday and this is an exact model of his caravan.

Over 9 years



1st The 'Lone Fox' by Colin McDonald (11) of Hamilton. This splendid schooner was moored near Colin's holiday home on the Scottish coast.



2nd Cricketer by Piers Allison (9) of Basingstoke. Several of you sent pictures of cricketers but we specially liked Piers' model for its aggressive stance and straight bat.

3rd Fisherman by Ian Chestnutt (12) of Co. Antrim. Ian spent much of his holidays fishing. This fine model can even be made to cast his line which is very clever.

COMPETITION CORNER

'My House' is the theme of our competition this time. You could build a model of the whole house, or just the front or back or even show the interior if you like (especially if you live in a flat). Look for ways to add personal interest like dad washing his car, or you playing with your dog in the garden perhaps.

Again there will be LEGO set prizes in two age groups, over 9 years and under 9, so do not forget to put your age on your entry, together with your name and full address.

Winning models will be shown in our Spring '81 Newsletter so all photographs must be received by **19th January** 1981. Send them to:

'My House' Competition
LEGO U.K. Limited
Wrexham
Clwyd LL13 9UH

Have fun!